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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GVN-PRG BILATERALS: POSSIBLE SLOW-DOWN IN TALKS
DURING AUGUST

1. GVN DELEGATION LIAISON OFFICER TRAN VAN DON INFORMED U.S. DELEGATION STAFF OFFICER AUGUST 7 THAT QUAI D'ORSAY RECENTLY APPROACHED BOTH GVN AND PRG DELEGATIONS TO REQUEST ADVANCE INFORMATION OF THEIR PLANS FOR MEETINGS DURING THE REMAINDER OF AUGUST FOLLOWING THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 8. FRENCH COMMENTED THAT TRADITIONAL AUGUST VACATIONS WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR FRENCH TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL TO HOST MEETINGS DURING THIS PERIOD.

2. DON ADVISED US PRG DELEGATION WAS QUERIED BY GVN DELEGATION AS TO ITS VIEWS. FOLLOW-UP AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS WITH DON INDICATED THAT PRG HAD NOT YET RESPONDED TO GVN QUERY.

3. DON STATED THAT, IN ABSENCE OF A RESPONSE FROM PRG, HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN DURING COURSE OF TOMORROW'S MEETING ON SCHEDULING OF FUTURE SESSIONS. HE DID INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT IF SUBJECT OF SLOW-DOWN IN DISCUSSIONS WAS ADVANCED BECAUSE OF THE FRENCH NOTICE, ANY ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, AND GVN DELEGATION WOULD AVOID BEING PLACED IN THE POSITION OF HAVING
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